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EMILY, MICKY AND WILLIE: THE NEW LOOK IN LOW-KEY SPIES

Cloak-and-dagger derring-do and Mata Hari high jinks are out. Today's dirty work is done by quiet types from Dullsville

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Following the Lambton-Jellicoe affair, in which two members of the British nobility were discovered to have been consorting with call girls, a security commission was formed to ascertain the extent to which the British Government's security had been endangered. Members of the commission, under Lord Diplock, concentrated on the question of whether or not either of the unfortunate peers might have blurted out TOP SECRETS while engaged in post-coital pillow talk—and whether the fact that one of them was smoking pot during intercourse had a bearing. They dealt only summarily with the question of possible blackmail, since it was apparent to all of them that the lords, both basically good and honest men, would have scoffed at any blackmailer.

British security officials no doubt had their reasons for letting the report go unchallenged, but they must have been appalled by its naiveté. Some espionage services make extensive use of prostitutes—and "sex bars," massage parlors, escort services, model studios, and all the rest—but not to tease secrets out of their targets. They use such resources *only* to get their targets into compromising positions, so that blackmail can follow. As security officials well know, there was no danger whatever that either of the two lords, whether on pot or alcohol, would give away secrets to the prostitutes. Can you imagine Lambton, with a puff on his joint, saying, "Darling, I simply *must* tell you about the X5-11"—or the prosti-

tute having the faintest idea what he was talking about even if he did? The danger was not loose talk while "under the influence," but exposure to blackmail—and not blackmail by some Soho pimp, but by a trained "case officer" using highly sophisticated methods.

Before settling down with their findings in the Lambton-Jellicoe affair, members of the Diplock Commission would do well to study how the modern espionage service works. They may start by considering how the KGB does, in fact, try to penetrate our two governments, then move on to a consideration of what our two services do to penetrate "the other side."



Let us start with the case of "Emily," an attractive but shy lady who, one spring evening, met a kindly, handsome man of about 40 whom we may call "Foster."

Emily was personal assistant to the Assistant Secretary of State who headed a departmental bureau dealing with an important segment of the Third World. As such, she had access to all the secrets of that bureau—exchanges with the British and the

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